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August 31, 1960

Mr. Guy Johnson
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New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: Fidel Castro.
Purchase of War Supplies.

Dear Sir:

My client in the above entitled matter is Mr. Maurice B. Gatlin, General Counsel, Anti-Communist Committee of the Americas. Mr. Gatlin has instructed me to make available to you a copy of my report of August 29, 1960.

Mr. Gatlin stated, as his reason for submitting the report to you, that it seemed incongruous, to say the least, to be shipping agricultural equipment to Cuba when the government of that country is seizing the farms and plantations of American citizens.

Mr. Gatlin said that the jeeps, weapon carriers and trucks were obviously war supplies. We seemed to be engaged, lustily, in increasing the war potential of Cuba, permitting Castro to exercise his military muscles in threatening us. Any war with Cuba would be short and the vehicles, while not perfect for the U.S. Army, will suffice for Castro and permit him to assume a dominating position in Latin American affairs, to the detriment of the interests of our country.

Also, Mr. Gatlin points out that helping to strengthen the military position of Castro makes it much harder to have a successful revolution to overthrow the Castro government. There can never be a successful revolution in the face of non-squeamish police methods. To have such a revolution, a unit of the Armed Forces must lead the revolution. Such a rebellious unit would be quickly overthrown by the massively equipped remainder, since this entire army would not rise up in rebellion at the same time.

This report is sent you for such attention as you deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

Guy Banister

Guy Banister, President

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